

WARD 9 PATIENT TO GET SILVER STAR FRIDAY

By Sgt. Clyde Biggerstaff

In the first event of its kind to be held in McGuire General Hospital, Staff Sergeant George E. Wood, Ward 9 overseas patient, will receive the Silver Star during an impressive ceremony to be held on Friday, it is announced by Colonel P. E. Duggins, hospital commanding officer.

Colonel Duggins and members of his staff will make the presentation in a retreat ceremony near the Post Flagpole.

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100 "NUMBER PLEASE" GIRLS DIAL DETACHMENT TONIGHT

A MOTHER'S THANKS

The Guest House
October 7, 1944

Dear Colonel Duggins,

I feel that I cannot leave McGuire without expressing to you my sincere appreciation for the courtesy and kindness extended to me while a visitor here.

I am truly amazed that a hospital of such tremendous size could be run with such smooth efficiency and yet retain an atmosphere of such homelike friendliness and harmony.

I have been an anxious mother for many months now with four sons in the Service. My visit here has given me confidence that our soldiers are being given every care and consideration.

I hope my other boys will not need a hospital, but if they do, may they be sent here.

Again many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Dorothy L. Cochrane
Baltimore, Maryland

One hundred golden-voiced telephone girls invade McGuire's gymnasium tonight to provide the feminine half of a gala dance for McGuire enlisted personnel.

Featuring the sweet and swingy rhythms of J. Harold Lawrence and his Orchestra, tonight's dance is a token to McGuiremen from the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, it was announced by Lieutenant Dale A. Van Vacter, Special Services Officer.

Friday night, the entertainment spotlight turns to "Funfare," newest in The Purple Heart Circuit of USO shows. Funfare rolls into the Red Cross Auditorium with a full crew of seasoned entertainers from Broadway, the nation's favorite theatres and clubs, and overseas entertainment tours.

Alwite and Blue, a breathtaking acrobatic act, Jimmy Hodges, singing comedy emcee, 4 Richel Sisters, harmony singing, and an all-star cast promise to make "Funfare" as memo-

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LIP SERVICE TO THE ENEMY

While our fighting men storm the Siegfried Line and crack the Gothic defenses, Hitler sits in his headquarters in Berlin plotting a surrender which is short of unconditional. The war lords in Tokyo warn their people that the Pacific war will be a long one.....that they must win by making America war-sick to the point of our crying "Stop it at any cost!"

Their ammunition: The planting and coddling of vicious rumors calculated to make us lose sight of the urgency of victory.....blindness which allow us to see only the concoctions of the Axis' most perverted propagandists.

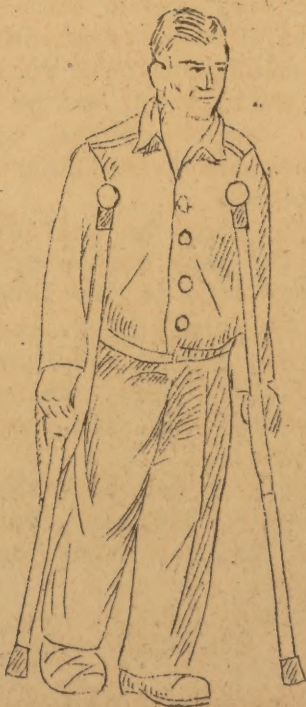
Our hospital is a unique focal point for rumors along the "Stop-it-at-any-cost" pattern. Far-fetched lies have been whispered in the hospital and outside serving a purpose for the enemy as devastating as a blockbuster.

Just as we are a unique focal point for rumors, we can make ourselves just as unique and invaluable a source of smashing rumors.

Let us resolve, for the protection of ourselves and the boys still on the front lines, to observe the following rules in talking about McGuire:

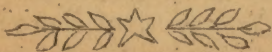
1. Remember that when you exaggerate anything you have seen, your listener sees in your story the face of a soldier dear to him or her. **MAKE SURE ANYTHING YOU SAY IS TYPICAL OF ALL YOU HAVE SEEN.**

2. When you hear a rumor in the hospital or outside which you know is not true, **STOP IT THERE.** Explain to the person who told it to you the danger of such rumors. Let's not laugh them off. They're dynamite.



DOCTORS SAY
HIS WOUNDS
WILL HEAL—

IDLE TALK KEEPS
HIS MOTHER
ANXIOUS.



BUY BONDS NOW

ATHLETICS SET FOR EVERYONE AT POST GYM

Fast becoming McGuire's favorite pastime hangout, the Post Gymnasium has initiated a full-scale athletic program encompassing activities for all personnel on the post, Pvt. Al Bianco, gym manager announced.

Boasting 12,500 square feet of floor space, courts are on hand for basketball, volley ball, badminton and three-wall handball.

Practise sessions for a post basketball team are under way under the guidance of S/Sgt. Bill Allison, formerly a professional basketball player.

Boxing classes for beginners among enlisted men and officers have the welcome mat out every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. Lt. Waller and Pvt. Bianco are mentors.

Ladies' night is every Monday and Thursday, 6-7:30 PM, with Nurses, WACs, and civilians living on the post working off the excess baggage.

Civilian employees have their hours, too. Monday and Friday, 4:30-6:00 PM is for men, while the ladies are invited Tuesday and Thursday, same time.

A league for intra-mural basketball games in the offing, to make official the sudden surge of hatred for the Klassy Kwintet which refuses to lose a single game to such formidable opposition as Fiscal Five, Bedpan Commandos, Blue Eagles, Train Commandos, and come what may.

DSC WINNER ASSIGNED HERE TO ASSIST AAF PATIENTS

40% OF WOUNDED RETURN TO DUTY

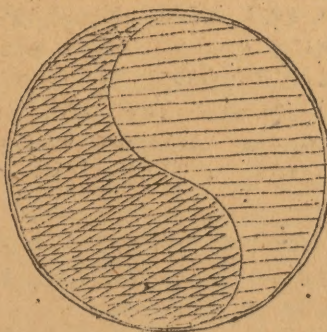
WASHINGTON -- Total United States Army casualties in all theaters, as reported by War Secretary Stimson through September 6, are as follows:

Killed.....	64,468
Wounded.....	177,235
Prisoners.....	48,725
Missing.....	47,315

Total	337,743
Of the wounded	72,583

have been returned to duty.

PARADE OF PATCHES



Men of the Twenty-Ninth Division wear the blue and gray patch above in reminiscence of the Civil War. Now representative of North's and South's toughest GI's, the 29th, formerly Virginia's National Guard, cracked its way through one of Hitler's strongest coastal defenses to spearhead the invasion of Normandy.

A presidential Citation won by the 29th is proof enough that their fighting tradition set in World War I has been carried on.

McGuire General Hospital became one of 120 Army hospitals in this country with liaison representatives of the Army Air Forces Personnel Distribution Command last week when Lieutenant Charles A. Via, Jr., formerly of Clifton Forge, Va., was stationed here to perform personalized, non-medical duties for all military personnel who are AAF casualties.

Lieutenant Via, holder of the Distinguished Service Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, Purple Heart and other decorations, is also in charge of the same services for members of the AAF at Camp Lee, Va. He will make his headquarters in this hospital, he said.

Assisting Lieutenant Via in his duties are Corporal Harry Gallin in McGuire General, and Sergeant Benjamin Feiler who will be stationed in Camp Lee. Both enlisted men were trained for their duties in a recently completed school in Atlantic City. The lieutenant and the enlisted men were among several thousand servicemen, half of them with overseas service, who were selected as hospital representatives of Major-General Hubert H. Harmon, commanding general of the AAF's Personnel Distribution Command.

They'll serve AAF's patients in Army general hospitals and AAF regional hospitals. "We will func-

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Pfc. William Elson, the Melody Macs' drummer, tells the story of a friend of his back in Philadelphia. It seems that this friend owned a dog which he loved very much. Since he worked every day, there was no one to give the dog his daily workout.

Naturally the dog wasn't able to take himself out for a walk, so the owner worked out a scheme. He trained the dog to run around the house like mad everytime the phone would ring.

Everything went along just fine. The owner of the dog called the house every day at noon. The dog, in turn, hearing the telephone ring, proceeded to dash around the house, thereby getting his exercise. The owner was quite pleased with his scheme, and boasted to a friend about it.



One morning said friend sneaked into our hero's house while he was at work and when lunch hour rolled around, remembering his pet he made his usual telephone call home. Instead of the constant buzz which indicated his phone was ringing he was amazed to hear the click of the receiver as

it was lifted from the hook and a very guttural "Woof" come from the other end! To this day the poor guy can't figure out how that dog ever got the receiver off the hook.

That one hour "Command Course" they've got us doing for training every day appears to be plenty rugged. Rugged, at least, for T /4 Wyland Blanding of the X-Ray department. While participating in a good clean game of touch football, Sarge Blanding's thigh came in very close contact with somebody's knee. Result of which caused Blanding to go limping off the field and later to be admitted to the hospital. He is coming along fine and should be up and around in a few days. No bones broken, but plenty of bruises.

Speaking of patients, S/Sgt Daniel Lane was doing a bit of bunk fatigue last week. He complained of a bad cold, so they figured a couple of days of peace and quiet wouldn't do him any harm. His cold is cured, and he's back and around again, still joining clubs. Danny is now a member of every free club in town. He's still wondering how he can be accepted in the "Camp Fire Girls. But says Danny, "They'll learn to love me. There's a free meal there every fourth Thursday

night. And did you ever start a fire by rubbing two Camp Fire Girls together?"

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Sgt. William Ruhl, Jr. of the Motor Pool. Bill was married last Friday.....Best of luck fella'.....

Charles "Muscles" Coggins, left forward of the Klassy Kwintet, went berwerk the other night in the Post Gym..."Muscles" sacked up a total of 14 points during the KK's most recent conflict with the 1311th Blue Eagles.....A star is born!!! Incidentally, the Klassy Kwintet remains undefeated so far. They have played four games. Four out of four is a good average in any man's language.

The newly organized McGuire Melody Macs, (the Post Dance Band to you, Jack) has a bass Fiddle to call their very own!!! Pfc. Vic Galucci will be the man behind the bass, and from what we have heard he's all-reet. Although Vic can't read music, he plays piano and writes songs.



How about this guy Polocrasto, men???? He takes a girl out, spends his month's pay on her to top it off, and doesn't even get so much as her first name!!!

SCOOP!!! Sgt. John Raynor, who mimeographs the BANNER so well, will soon have another reproduction job -- wearing diapers.

LAUNDRY HOLDS WEEKLY WATER
POLO FIESTA FOR YOUR GI SOCKS

By Pfc. Bernard Asbel

It all comes out in the Monday wash, all right, at McGuire's GI laundry. The big question in this reporter's mind, however, was how does the right pair of socks ever get back to the right GI.

It took explaining from Major William E. Barnes, Laundry Officer, Mr. James Sievert, Superintendent, and Mr. Morris Schiff, Foreman, to get us to understand the intricate system of keeping Pfc. Balsamo's cigar-stained undershirt from getting mixed with Sergeant Biggerstaff's pants with the worn-out seat.

Frankly, we still think
it's luck that does it.

Here's how it works:

Newly arrived laundry is divided into "lots" of about forty men's wash. Each bag is sorted for laundry marks, and pieces which you've borrowed or stolen are promptly stamped with your mark. Your clothes are then sorted--one bin for white pieces, one for khakis, and a third for fatigues, barracks bags and socks. Here is where Major Barnes crosses his fingers in the hope that these all meet at the other end.

• Your clothes are thrown (or gently placed) into the three compartments of the "wheel" which is not a wheel at all but a perfectly recognizable cylinder. To the merry turning of the wheel, your pitiable wash is heaved and tossed

through no less than ten washes. Water gushes out of the wheel and down into the floor in a symphony of temperatures, colors, and flavors to make a GI happy that his purple tweed sport jacket back home isn't seeing the same.

The "extractor", next in the torture chamber, smiles evilly and whirls your clothes around at a dizzy pace, extracting excess

water. If your clothes
aren't beat up by now
you'll get them back in
fairly good shape.

McGuire's busiest females then take over - the girls who press the shirts. Your shirts go through special presses for the collars and cuffs, for the shoulders, for the sleeves, for the body of the shirts, and the finishing and folding (cont'd on page 8)

DSC WINNER TO ASSIST PATIENTS

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tion as lawyers, be big brothers and advisors to men convalescing in hospitals, or, in some cases, for men returning to civilian life," Lieutenant Via said.

Lieutenant Via, wounded in both legs October 8, 1943, during a bombing flight over Bremen, Germany, was pilot of the now-famous

B-17 named "Jest-a-Snappin'" but at the time of his injury he was acting as tail-gunner of the lead ship, which was followed over Germany by 699 other heavy bombers. The tail gunner had been put out of action the lieutenant took command of the guns to help shoot down several enemy fighters.

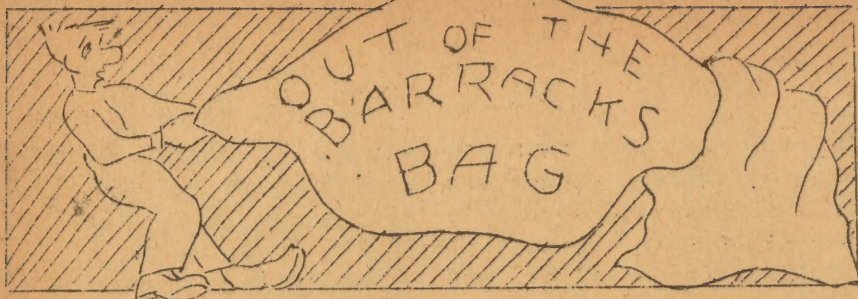
HESITATION

A girl filling out a McGuire General hospital employment questionnaire came to the blank marked "Sex." Misunderstanding it slightly, she wrote "No" instead of "Female."

Later, when she came to the fine print at the bottom of the page which warned that "Misrepresentation of facts in order to obtain work will result in immediate dismissal," she hesitated a moment and then crossed out "No" and substituted "Yes."



"...but I 'do not' see
Meecky Mouse!"



WITH UNITED STATES AIRBORNE TROOPS IN HOLLAND,--Lieutenant John Spooner, of Wilmington, N. C., demonstrated his marksmanship heritage today by picking off a German observer from a telephone pole at 6,000 yards with a field artillery gun but his feat did not entirely please his commanding officer.

Spooner got his man after firing three smoke bursts and then 10 rounds with a 75 mm. gun.

His colonel however, figured the ammunition cost the taxpayers \$100 whereas "the infantry kills Germans at five cents a round."

LOS ANGELES,---YES, SAYS C. A. DILLINGS, IT'S TRUE. HIS RED HEN LAID FIVE EGGS IN ONE DAY. TWO MEDIUM SIZE, THREE A LITTLE BIT SMALLER. THEY CALL HER "MAMA DIONNE" NOW.

WASHINGTON--Maybe civilians won't have to wait so long for a date with the dentist now.

The War Department announced today that several hundred dental officers will be relieved of active army duty and will return to private practice shortly.

Explaining that the peak of the dental officers' work load is passed, the department said that since the start of the war more

than 1,000,000 new dentures have been supplied and approximately that number of men have had their teeth fixed to meet army requirements.

Now that this has been done, it is necessary only to keep the G I's teeth up to required military standards.

LOGAN, W. Va.---Sorry to report it, but it's no longer the Hatfields and the McCoys, it's the Hatfields and Hatfields.

It was a \$10,000 suit by Elva Hatfield against his brother, Robert, on charges that Robert beat Elva over the head with a hammer.

The brothers are sons of "Cap" Hatfield, who was a son of "Devil Anse," the leader of the feudin' clan in bloody battles which today make up an integral part of Southern folklore.

SULLIVAN, Ind. --- As a freight train bore down on the automobile of Mrs. Banther, stalled on a crossing near here, she jumped from the machine but left her purse in the car. She climbed back into the car, recovered the purse and jumped again just before the train smashed the auto into small pieces.

WASHINGTON -- Only 3,000 new passenger cars, the same quota as in September,

will be available for rationing in October, the Office of Price Administration reports.

The country's remaining supply of new automobiles now is below 20,000, less than a normal two days' supply.

PARIS,---The German air force, perhaps short of bombs in some cases, has been dropping concrete blocks on American airfields in Eastern France, an enlisted man reported.

Corporal George Kemon, Atlantic, N. J., here on leave from the Metz region, said the Germans were trying to delay American flyers by damaging planes with the blocks.

ALAMEDA, Cal.-Disappointed because his haul in a local grocery store failed to produce enough money, a neurotic gunman poured a bottle of red ink over the grocer's head.

BALTIMORE, Md.--One hen-pecked husband received a divorce here last week because he testified that his wife had beat him with a hammer, threatened to poison him, chased him out of the house with a pan of hot grease, and threw stones at his car when he tried to escape with his life.

WASHINGTON -- Details of the new jungle flame gun, capable of throwing a burning mass of jellies of oil "much farther" than the 60-yard range of previous types, were announced by the Army's Chemical Warfare Service.

The gun, dubbed the "atomizer," obtains its

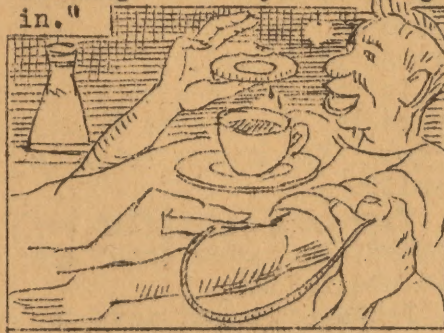
name from its results. It spatters and clings to the target and the gun is so accurate that troops training for its use practice on regular rifle ranges.

The gun was given its initial test under jungle conditions in the Solomon Islands last July.

Describing another of its new weapons, the flame-throwing tank, the service said it is an "armored blow torch used for the destruction of enemy infantry who cannot be effectively reached with other tank weapons."

NEW YORK (CNS)--A soldier dashed down the dock toward the Weehauken ferry. With a desperate broad jump he spanned three feet of water and landed on the deck. "Wow," he exclaimed, "Just made it, didn't I?"

"Made what?" a deckhand inquired. "This boat ain't leaving. It's just coming in."



LONDON -- Wing Commander Johnny Johnson, Britain's leading fighter pilot, shot down his thirty - eighth German aircraft recently. The Canadian fighter wing he commands destroyed 14 enemy planes and damaged six in running battles along the Rhine east of the Allied salient in Holland.

PHILADELPHIA,-----Samuel Halpern, of Atlantic City, N. J., donated his thirty-first pint of blood, and said "This is the best blood bank I've hit yet--- you have the best doughnuts."

SGT. MANES MAY QUIT DANCING, BUT NOT TO BECOME A FLATFOOT

Chasing prisoners with a hop, skip and a pirouette is a neat trick if you can do it. Ask Sgt. Clarence A. Manes (pronounced like the back of a horse's neck, plural) of 4385's MP detail. He's tried.

"It's pretty difficult for a professional interpretive dancer to keep in trim in the Army. And like any other skilled professional, he does have to keep in shape," Sgt. Manes told the BANNER while he kibitzed both sides of a checker game in McGuire's guardhouse, during an MP lunch hour. "It took me twelve years to become a professional dancer, and one day to join the Army."

It was way back in 1931 when Clarence, who warns you before you call him by his first name--that it's really Craig, left his home in Canonsburg, Pa., to go

big time. He arrived in New York with his dancing shoes in his left hand, and in his right the other half of the dancing team "Stephanie and Craig", who was later to be his wife.

From that date until May 25, 1943, when he volunteered for service, Clarence-Craig and "Stee" played, at top salary, "just about every theater and club you've heard of from New York to Hollywood, and Canada on off-nights."

The duo may have hit top jobs in their tours, but never once did they sit back in satisfaction at their accomplishments. Any city in their path which offered a first rate dance instructor found the Maneses going to him on the double-step to further advance their terpsichorean prowess. Among their teachers were the world-famed

Fokine, Novikoff and the Chalifs.

Manes isn't sure he'll be able to shake off enough accumulated rust to return to dancing when Discharge-Day rolls by.

"But speaking of discharges," laughed Manes, interrupting himself, "I already have an Honorable Discharge...except that it belongs to my dog. Yes, he came into the service with me, joining the Coast Guard. He stood guard once at Valley Forge GH, after his release. They had to discharge him because he wouldn't attack anyone he knew in the daytime. He wasn't too well trained because he couldn't understand English till he was 9 months old. That is, his previous owner just spoke French."

As for Clarence after the war, "I won't be a cop."

DISCHARGED VETS TO GET ASSISTANCE

Servicemen and women returning to civilian life from McGuire General Hospital are finding their paths considerably smoothed by the Personal Affairs Office in the Administration Building.

There are numerous educational and employment benefits for veterans donning mufti again, and Lieutenant R. T. Morrison, chief of the Personal Affairs Division here, wants all eligible persons to make full use of the facilities set up here for their aid and assistance.

Aid will be given veterans for a return to previous employment, a venture in new employment, or a return to schooling which was interrupted by military service.

Those who have been disabled as a result of military service are offered special benefits toward general rehabilitation, with the disabled given special vocational training to fit them for their former employment or for new jobs, Lt. Morrison said.

DANCE TONIGHT

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able in McGuire as are other USO shows which have stopped here.

Next Tuesday evening, "Okay, America" with WRVA's Joe Brown will broadcast from a ward for the second in a regular semi-monthly series.

Breathe through your nose.. It keeps your mouth shut!

McGUIRITES WILL WIN CASH FOR SLOGANS

OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL

This may seem a little early to talk about Christmas, but some of your gifts to your soldiers will have to travel half way round the world.

To assure delivery of parcels be sure to follow these few simple rules in mailing:

They must be mailed between September 15th and October 15th.

Packages must not be more than 15 inches long nor weigh more than 5 pounds.

Wrap securely and mark "Christmas Gift Parcel".

Above all be absolutely certain that the address is correct.

LAUNDRY

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job. These machines work simultaneously, which is why laundry workers go home with hangovers. Handkerchiefs and linens, too, have special pressing machines.

For final sorting, a cubbyhole is marked with your laundry mark, and if you are a good boy and don't cuss or drink, your own laundry will end up in your own cubbyhole.

Thirty-four laundry workers get the whole job done for all enlisted men in three days. In line with Army policy, enlisted men's laundry gets priority over all other work.

And let's hear no gripes about the amount of starch

If you are an average person, and the average person considers that he or she is an average person - then you have ideas as to how the Army can save time, money and materials. Those ideas may be worth cash money, according to Major William E. Barnes, chairman of the conservation committee. Three prizes consisting of \$10 for the first, \$3 for the second and \$2 for the third will be awarded at the close of the contest October 21.

The winning slogan will be made the theme of a poster to be drawn by Sergeant Edward T. Paier, post artist. The slogan and poster will be submitted to the Commanding General of the Third Service Command in Baltimore in a competition for the entire Service Command.

Slogans are to encourage the conservation of food, water, electricity, manpower and materials.

Address your slogan to the Slogan Editor, McGuire BANNER, Public Relations Office.

used. You know very well if you leave your clothes standing properly at night you'll find them right there at attention in the morning.



SILVER STAR

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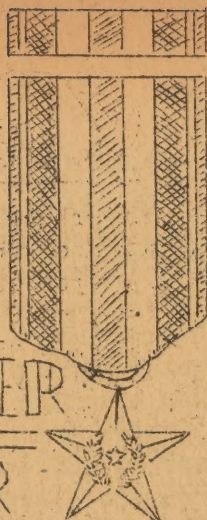
Both the 1385th and 1311th Detachments will participate. Forming in their company areas at 4:30 PM, the military units will march to the ceremony area. The presentation is to be made immediately following the lowering of the flag by the color guard.

All civilian employees who can be spared from duty are invited.

Sergeant Wood, a fatalist by his own admission, now believes more than ever that Fate steps into the life of a dogface now and then to help rather than hinder. He was told several months ago that he had been recommended for the Silver Star, one of the highest honors possible for a soldier. Weeks went by and he heard no more about it. He left the base hospital in Italy and came to McGuire General. A reporter from the Banner was prowling around the wards in search of news. Casual conversation revealed the Silver Star recommendation. A telephone call to the War Department started the wheels rolling. The recommendation was confirmed, and now Sergeant Wood, 26 year old resident of Leonardtown, Md., will be decorated for--

"--gallantry in action on 23 April 1944, at about 1600 hours, under heavy mortar and point-blank machine gun fire, he succeeded in restoring communications between his company and its forward platoon near Torre di Pa-

THE SILVER STAR



119 SUGGESTIONS PUT MGH ON TOP

McGuire personnel have submitted 199 suggestions for the conservation of government time, materials, and money, it was revealed today by Captain Ralph E. Carlson, committee chairman. Third Service Command Headquarters has stated that McGuire leads all general hospitals in the Command in suggestions submitted.

Latest to receive an award for an acceptable suggestion is James Thompson, civilian janitor, whose idea for an estimated 50 per cent per year soap-conservation plan was worth \$5, the Suggestion Committee decided.

diglione, Italy. Staff Sergeant Wood voluntarily left the cover of his foxhole with a reel of telephone wire and crossed 150 yards of terrain covered by intense mortar and machine gun fire. Returning to his own platoon after laying the wire, he was severely wounded by falling on a land mine."

GI FARE RATES STUDIED FOR CUT

Legislation for reduction in railway, bus, and boat fares for servicemen on furlough and discharged veterans is now before Congress. The house of Representatives passed a bill which would allow common carriers to determine ticket prices, although it sets no specific rate of reduction.

The bill, sent to the Senate for final action, specifies that reductions should apply to servicemen traveling at their own expense on furlough and to men traveling to their own homes after discharge.

15,000 PW's KEPT IN 3RD COMMAND

More than 15,000 prisoners of war are being held in the Third Service Command (Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania), it was revealed this week by Major-General Philip Hayes, commanding general.

At least 5,000 of them are imprisoned in the State of Virginia, he said.

At one of the camps visited on a recent inspection tour, General Hayes said: "A German leader representing about 250 prisoners, caused some trouble when he accused the prisoners of becoming Americanized. Some of the prisoners refused to work, with the result that their pay (not more than 80 cents a day) was cut off and their rations reduced to bread and water. Most of the prisoners became tractable after 24 hours of such punishment," he said.

Looking 'em Over

S/Sgt
Bill
Allison

DID YOU KNOW THAT one of baseball's finest pitchers had two fingers missing from his throwing hand? He was a star for five years with the Cards, Cubs, and Reds. His name: "Three Finger" Mordecai Brown.

DID YOU KNOW THAT Harry Greb, whom every one knew for his fighting prowess, had an eye removed secretly? He replaced it with a glass one and continued with his career.

Ring padding was unknown until after the death of Walter Croot, English Bantamweight champion. He suffered a skull fracture and died as a result of a knockdown scored by Jimmy Barry in the National Sporting Club in London in 1897.

A single baseball cost \$40,000. It was the one Gabby Street caught from the top of Washington Monument. It had been in his possession since 1908 until Gabby sacrificed this prize in a war bond drive in Joplin, Mo.

ROTAN, Tex.--Sam Baugh,

star Quarterback of the Washington Redskins of the National Professional Football League, said he would "do as the draft board says" and stay on his ranch here rather than play this fall.

A report from Washington quoted C.R. Simmons, chairman of the Nolan County Draft Board No. 1, that Baugh, as a rancher, holds a 2-C classification but must be back on his ranch near here by October 1 or be put in 1-A.

WEALTHY--Joe Cronin, one of the most wealthy major leaguers, has just signed a new three-year contract said to call for a total of \$100,000, a yearly salary of \$33,333.

BORROWER---Mike Garbark, who took over the catching for the Yankees when Rollie Hemsley was inducted into the Navy, refuses to use equipment of his own. His catching glove was broken in by his brother, Bob, of the A's; he uses Hemsley's chest protector, mask and shin guards, and when he picks up a bat to go to the plate, it is the property

of some other Yankee.

The most dangerous play in high-school football is the second-half kickoff (muscles cool off between the halves, but pep talks heat up enthusiasm).

The peak of the injury season is the first five minutes of the third quarter in the game nearest October 25.

The player most likely to get hurt is the half-back plunging off tackle; the player least likely to be injured is the center on offense.

These findings are from Denver's Security Life and Accident Co.'s unique, five-year-old experiment in insuring high-school athletes against injury.

REVENGE

First Little Bird: Who's that sitting on that bench below us?"

Second Little Bird: He's the guy who shot at us the other day."

First Little Bird: "Well, what are we waiting for?"

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



DRY RUN--BUT ALL UNDER-WATER SHOTS

